Opening of separate office of Explosive Department

2974. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for opening of a separate office of the Explosive Department at Alang Ship Recycling Yards in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the present status in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ship breaking activities are presently not covered under the Petroleum Rules, 2002. Proposal of Government of Gujarat for opening a separate office of the Explosives Department at Alang Ship Recycling Yards in Gujarat can be examined and considered only after relevant provisions are made in the statute.

Export of banana to Gulf countries

† 2975. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored possibilities of export of Indian banana of Gulf countries:

(b) if so, the details thereof;and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) India is already exporting banana to Gulf countries. Details of exports of the fruit to major importing countries in the region are given below:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.